

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 665  
By Atchley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of J.B. Shockley of  
Morristown and Hamblen County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of our esteemed former colleague and beloved friend, J. B. Shockley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shockley was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born March 14, 1929 in Tazewell, son of the late Tilmon and Bessie Bull Shockley, J.B. attended the primary and secondary public schools of Claiborne County; he enrolled at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, but interrupted his education to serve in the 3rd Infantry Division of the United States Army during the Korean War and its aftermath from 1952-54; and

WHEREAS, following his discharge with the rank of Sergeant, Mr. Shockley resumed his studies and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from LMU in 1954; in 1955 he received a Master of Science degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and had earned further post graduate hours; and

WHEREAS, J.B. Shockley served an outstanding 35 years as a teacher and school administrator, serving with acumen and alacrity as Principal of the John Hay Elementary School for 17 years and as Superintendent of schools from 1957-61, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shockley was elected by the people of Hamblen County to the County Commission where he served effectively for six years; in 1976 he was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives serving in the 90th through 93rd General Assemblies, and in 1982, he was elected to the Tennessee State Senate for the 94th and 95th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished tenure in the General Assembly J.B. Shockley served on the House Education Committee and the House Conservation and Environment Committee and the Senate Transportation Committee, the Senate Government Operations Committee and the Senate General Welfare, Health and Human Resources Committee; he also served as Treasurer of the Senate Minority Caucus; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shockley was elected Mayor of Morristown in 1995, serving until 1999; he was employed as Sales Manager of Lawson's Manufacturing Company, Inc. and was involved in real estate sales and development as a Coldwell Banker Realty affiliate; and

WHEREAS, J.B. Shockley was an active and devout member of the Manley Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as charter member, first Minister of Music, trustee, deacon and Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, J.B. Shockley contributed his considerable talents and his time to civic and service organizations, as a member of VFW Post #5266; Executive Secretary of the Morristown Homebuilders Association, where he was planner and director of the Association's Parade of Homes from 1964-77; Board of Directors, Morristown Chamber of Commerce; Hamblen County Republican Executive Committee; Morristown Kiwanis Club; and the Morristown Country Club; and

WHEREAS, a deeply religious man and compassionate neighbor and friend to all, Mr. Shockley was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, J.B. Shockley enjoyed the loving companionship of Shirley Booker Shockley and was the proud parent of daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Mike Hinkle, and son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Paula Shockley; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Mr. Shockley was preceded in death by a brother, Dayton Shockley; he will be sorely missed by his grandchildren, Matthew and Megan Harville, Tara Hinkle, and Jonathan and Danielle Shockley; brothers Doyle and Dillon Shockley, sisters Lovada Harville, Cloda Coffey and Barbara Burke; and a host of other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, J.B. Shockley leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, as an elected official and as a committed educator and community leader;

compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors;  
and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional and committed legislator, educator, civic leader, public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of our colleague, J. B. Shockley, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to his widow, Shirley, and the family of Mr. Shockley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy